Common Origination and Disbursement

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For Pell Grants

November 12, 2004

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COD News

Pell Year-To-Date Record (11/10/04)
On November 9, 2004, an Electronic Announcement updating the status of the Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Record was posted to the IFAP web site at
http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/1109PellYTDRecordStatusUpdate.html. The status of the YTD record will continue to be covered in the Reports and Data Requests section of this document until the YTD record is again produced.

COD System Maintenance Planned For Sunday, November 14, 2004 (11/10/04)
The COD System will undergo routine maintenance on Sunday, November 14, 2004 from Midnight until 8:00 A.M. (ET). During this period, users will not be able to submit or retrieve data via the COD web site. Additionally, batches submitted by schools will be held and not processed until after the COD System comes back up. COD apologizes for any inconvenience this outage may cause. If you have any questions, contact the COD School Relations Center.

2005-2006 COD Technical Reference Now Available (11/02/04)
The 2005-2006 COD Technical Reference is now available on the IFAP web site at
http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/1029CODTechRef0506Update.html. This document consists of multiple volumes that contain development information for the upcoming 2005-2006 Award Year.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this document, please contact the COD School Relations Center.

2003-2004 Pell Grant Processing Deadline [10/01/04 (Updated 10/27/04)]
As a reminder, the deadline for electronically transmitting records for the Federal Pell Grant 2003-2004 Award Year was Thursday, September 30, 2004. In addition, the extended deadline for schools affected by the recent severe weather conditions was October 22, 2004.

At this time, unless the Department has granted Administrative Relief or Extended Processing for the 2003-2004 Award year to a school, the COD System will reject originations and disbursements of new 2003-2004 awards or 2003-2004 award amount increases.
- New Award Amounts or Award Increases will reject with **Full Participant Edit 43/Phase-In Edit 399**.
- Disbursement Increases will reject with **Full Participant Edit 71/ Phase-In Edit 417**.

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Note: After the Pell Processing Deadline, COD continues to accept and process decreases to previously accepted 2003-2004 awards and disbursements. In addition, if a student was in a POP situation during the 2003-2004 Award Year, COD continues to accept and process increases and decreases to new 2003-2004 awards or previously accepted 2003-2004 awards for this student.

A school can request Administrative Relief or Extended Processing for the 2003-2004 Award Year through May 2, 2005. If necessary, a school also can request additional extensions of the initially approved period through May 2, 2005. A school can request Administrative Relief or Extended Processing via the COD web site or via e-mail.

For additional information about when the Department can grant Administrative Relief and extended processing and how a school can make the request, refer to the Electronic Announcement on IFAP at
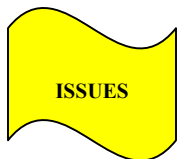http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0902PellProcDeadline0304.html.

All Schools Must Be COD Full Participants Beginning With 2005-2006 Award Year [08/02/04 (Updated 10/25/04)]
As a reminder, *all* schools must be Full Participants beginning with the 2005-2006 Award Year. This means that *all* schools must be able to submit 2005-2006 Pell and/or Direct Loan origination and disbursement data to the COD System using the COD Common Record in XML format.

If your school currently is a Phase-In Participant (for one or all of the programs in which it participates) and has not yet submitted the required Full Participant information specified in the announcement posted on the IFAP web site at
http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0806CODFullParticReq0506.html, please submit it to the COD School Relations Center as soon as possible. Doing so will assist us in preparing the COD System to accept and process your school's 2005-2006 Pell Grant and/or Direct Loan data.

Reports and Data Requests

ISSUES

Except as listed below, all Pell Grant reports and data requests are available as specified in Volume VIII, Section 8 of the 2004-2005 COD Technical Reference posted on the IFAP web site at www.IFAP.ed.gov/. There are issues with the following Pell Grant reports and/or data requests:

- Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Record— For all award years, is NOT being sent to schools' SAIG mailboxes. Beginning October 2, 2004, all YTD requests received either on the COD web site or via the SAIG are being held and will not be filled by COD until further notice. Please do not submit a subsequent request for the report at this time.

   COD has taken this action after determining that

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since September 20, 2004 the disbursement sequence number for system-generated negative disbursements and web-generated disbursements has been populated incorrectly on the YTD record. Accurate disbursement sequence numbers for these records can be viewed on the COD web site.

COD is working on a code fix to correct this issue and will not produce additional reports until the issue has been corrected.

COD has also posted this information on the IFAP web site at http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/1109PellYTDRecordStatusUpdate.html. [10/05/04(Updated 11/10/04)]

NOW AVAILABLE

The following previously unavailable Pell reports and/or data requests are now available:
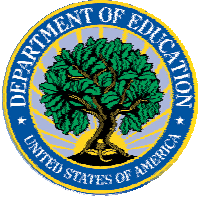
- SSN/Name/Date of Birth Change Report

  Is being pushed to schools' SAIG mailboxes (Message Class PGSN05OP) and is available on the COD web site. This report lists all person identifier changes for a person on the COD System and is sent to all Reporting schools that have an award for that person on file for at least one of the three most current award years. (11/10/04)

- Verification Status Report—

  For 2004-2005, is being pushed monthly to schools' SAIG mailboxes (Message Class PGVR05OP), and is available via data request and on the COD web site. This report provides a listing and a summary count of disbursed Pell awards for all students selected for verification by CPS for whom the school submitted a verification status code of "W" or blank.

  Note: This week, COD is currently sending the monthly reports to all schools and expects to have this initial distribution completed by the end of the week. Once the monthly distribution is complete, COD will fulfill any school data requests submitted for the Verification Status Report on or after November 10, 2004. In addition, this report is optional for QA schools.

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[8/25/04 (Updated 11/10/04)]

Resolved Issues In Clean Up

COD has implemented code fixes for the issues listed below and is cleaning up the affected records. After a clean up has been completed, its status will be updated and it will remain in this section for an additional 7 calendar days.

Issue	In Progress	Completed
Disbursements Not Displaying On COD Web Site	√	
COD Edit 116 Not Working Correctly	√	

Current Issues

Updating And/Or Creating Records On The COD Web Site [10/29/04 (Updated 11/03/04)]
Schools are intermittently receiving the error message "Outgoing Message Queue Not Responding" after updating and/or creating records via the COD web site, and a web-based response is not displaying on the web. However, the records are processed in the COD System.
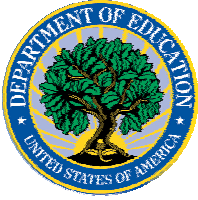
COD is researching the cause of this issue and will provide updates as more information becomes available. In the meantime, when schools receive this error message, they will need to access the batch screen to determine if the records were accepted or rejected.

Note: Previously, Full Participants with a Web Activity Response Option set to "Y" were not receiving a response for web-based transactions in their SAIG mailboxes. On October 28, 2004, COD resolved this issue, and no new occurrences have been reported to date. Additionally, COD has sent all responses for web-based transactions to the affected schools' SAIG mailboxes.

Duplicate Disbursement Information In COD [05/06/04 (Updated 10/13/04)]
COD has learned that duplicate disbursement numbers are displaying incorrectly on the COD web site's Award Disbursements Information screen. On this screen under the Disbursement Number column, disbursement numbers are appearing twice. However, when viewing the Disbursement Information screen, each disbursement displays a different status (Pending or Disbursed).

COD continues to research the code fix for this issue and will provide updates as more information becomes available.

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Student Name And Date Of Birth Not Updated In COD [05/03/04 (Updated 09/17/04)]
As previously reported, COD identified an issue where new 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 origination records are accepted in COD; however, the student's Name and Date of Birth (DOB) updates submitted by the school are not displaying on the COD web site's Person Information screen. The COD web site is reflecting the Name and DOB from the previous award year. Additionally, in some cases, changes to Name and DOB for previously accepted origination records are not displaying on the Person Information screen as well.

COD is still analyzing this issue and appreciates your patience. Updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Some Null Tags Submitted Via Batch Not Updated In COD [08/31/04 (Updated 09/16/04)]
As previously reported, a null tag containing a *nil="true"* attribute can be submitted for some data elements in a Common Record document to remove or delete content currently on file in the COD database. Recently, COD determined that some null tags are being accepted by the COD System, but are not appropriately updating the COD database. This means that if a school submits a null tag for some data elements, the COD System is ignoring it and the content on the COD database for that data element is not being removed.

On September 7, 2004 COD implemented a code fix to allow a null tag submitted for the Low Tuition and Fees Code data element to update the COD database correctly. Additionally, a null tag submitted for the Verification Status Code data element continues to update the COD database correctly. COD continues research to ensure that all applicable data elements reported with a null tag will update the COD database correctly. Note that not all data elements can be submitted with null tags; refer to the COD Technical Reference, Volume II, Section 3 for the applicable data elements.

In the meantime, schools needing to remove or delete content in COD for a specific data element may do so via the COD web site.

Rejected Records Not Viewable On The COD Web Site [07/30/04 (Updated 08/26/04)]
Some schools are receiving an error message when attempting to view rejected records on the COD web site's Batch Detail Information screen. Clicking on the Rejected link in the Award No. column causes the following error message to display: "An unexpected error has occurred. Please contact your administrator if the problem persists."

On August 10, 2004, COD partially corrected this problem by migrating a code fix to correct the affected Phase-In records. Next, the code fix will be migrated to correct the affected Common Records. COD will provide more information about the code fix for Common Records as soon as it becomes available.